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1. MRS. DORTZBACH WAS MET AT 0900 HRS LOCAL BY IBRAHIM IL MORGENY WHO DROVE HER BACK TO MASSAWA, WHERE SHE ARRIVED AT 1100 HRS LOCAL. AT THAT TIME MORGENY CALLED THE GOV OF MASSAWA OR GOVGEN OF ERITREA. MRS. DORTZBACH CALLED AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION IN ASMARA TO NOTIFY THEM OF HER ARRIVAL. THEY DISPATCHED A PLANE TO MASSAWA AND RETURNED TO ASMARA WITH HER AT 1530 HRS. MRS. DORTZBACH APPEARED WELL PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY AND IS NOW REUNITED WITH HER HUSBAND.

2. THE VARIOUS MISSIONS WILL MEET TO MAKE A PRESS STATEMENT. IN THE STATEMENT THEY WILL HAVE TO WALK A TIGHTROPE BETWEEN THE REQUESTS OF ELF AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH IEG.

3. THE IEG PUBLIC HEALTH HAS ALREADY CONDUCTED INNOCULATION CAMPAIGNS IN THE CHOLERA AREA. THE MISSIONARY/IRC TEAM SHOULD CLEAR THEIR ACTIONS WITH PUBLIC HEALTH.

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4. THE FOLLOWING LETTERS WERE BROUGHT BY MRS.

DORTZBACH ON HER RETURN.

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LETTER #1

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT 12.6.74
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO MRS. DEBBIE

HEREBY WE WANT TO UNKNOWLEDGE YOU ABOUT
WHAT GOING ON ABOUT YOUR CASE FOR RELEASE.

1) IT FIRST WHEN WE WERE PLANING THE OPERATION OF KID-
NAPPING IN GHINDA, IT WAS NOT OUR PLAN TO KIDNAP
YOU AND MRS. ANNA. OUR PLAN WAS TO TAKE OUT THE
DOCTOR IN ORDER TO EXAMINE ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTED DISEASES
CHOLERA AND IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO GIVE AS AN AID
MEDICINES ANTI THE DISEASE. BUT THROUGH SOME
TACTICAL MISTAKES OUR GUERRELA UNIT BROUGHT US
KIDNAPED YOU AND LATE MRS. ANNA.

2) NOW WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT IN A GOOD CONDITION
AND WE COULD ALSO IMAGINE THAT YOU SUFFERS A LOT
ABOUT THE CONDITION YOU WERE FOUND IN IT. BUT YOU
MUST HELP US IN ECONOMIZE THE FOODS WHICH IS FOUND
WITH YOU AND SECONDLY BY TOLERATE ALL THINGS WHICH
IS FACING TO YOU.

3) IT LAST WE LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT RECENTLY
WE START RELATION WITH THE MISSION AND WE REQUESTS
FROM THEM ANTI COLERA AND MALARIA MEDICINES.
WE ASKED THEM SUCH RANSOMS BECAUSE COLERA AND MALARIA DISEASE IS
TERRIBLY DISTRIBUTED IN THIS DISTRICT AND WE HOPE THE
MISSION WOULD GIVE US REPLY SOONLY. AND AFTER THEY BROUGHT THESE
REQUESTS WE ARE GOING TO RELEASE YOU AUTOMATICALLY.

MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD FULFILL
ALL OUR WISHES FOR ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVES HIM.
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THANK YOU

YOURS FAITHFULLY
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT

LETTER #2

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO DEAR MRS. DEBBIE

THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
DECIDE TO RELEASE YOU WITHOUT ANY DEMANDS. THEREFORE
FROM THE DATE WE WROTE THIS LETTER ONWARDS YOU ARE NO
MORE E.L.F. PRISONER. AND YOU SHOULD HAVE TO BE READY
FOR LEAVING.

REMARK

YOU CAN KEEP THIS LETTER WITH YOU AS A WITNESS.

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LETTER #3

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- TO AMERICAN EVANGILICAL MISSION

IT WAS ON DATE 27.5.74 AT 12 O'CLOCK THAT E.L.F. GUERRELA

UNIT TOOK MRS. DEBBIE AND UNFORTUNATELY KILL MRS. ANNA STEKTWERDA
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT OUR PLAN TO KILL OR TO TAKE THESE TWO
NURSES THROUGH SOME TACTICAL MISTAKES IT GOES LIKE WHAT IT
HAPPEN IN THAT DAY. AND FROM THIS DAY ONWARDS MRS. DEBBIE WERE WITH
US UNTIL THE DATE OF HER RELEASE. THERE WAS ALSO NEGOTIATIONS
THROUGH LETTERS BETWEEN E.L.F. & AMERICAN EVANGILICAL MISSION
UNTIL OUR LAST LETTER DATED 16.6.74. AT LAST ERITREAN LIBER-
ATION FRONT DECIDE AND ANNOUNCE OF HER RELEASE ON DATE
17.6.74 WITHOUT ANY DEMAND.

THEREFORE AMERICAN EVANGILICAL MISSION SHOULD HAVE
TO FULFILL THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN BOTH V.O.A. AND B.B.C.
NEWS BROADCASTERS PUPPLY :

- 1) RELEASE OF MRS. DEBBIE WITHOUT ANY DEMAND.
- 2) APOLOGIZATION OF E.L.F. IN THE DEATH OF MRS ANNA STWEKWERDA.
- 3) YOUR RECEIVE OF PERMISSION LETTERS FROM US.

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THE E.L.F. WANTS TO KNOW YOUR TEAM OF MEDICAL
INJECTIONS THROUGH THE COUNTRY THEIR NUMBER. THE MEDICINS
WHICH THEY ARE GOING TO BROUGHT WITH THEM ITS KINDS AND
QUANTITY. AND WE ALSO WANT TO INFORM YOU THAT WE NEED
MORE CHOLERA AND MALARIA MEDICINES.

DATE. 22.6.74

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LETTER #4

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT "LETTER OF PERMISSION"
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT
ORDER; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT GRANTS FULL PERMISSION AND
ALLOW TO CONTINUE THEIR MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES THROU-
GHOUT ERITREA FOR "AMERICAN EVANGILICAL MISSION"
HENCE FORWARD. THEREFORE DO NOT OPPOSE THEM ON THEIR WORKS
IN THE COUNTRY OR CITIES, INSTEAD TRY TO HELP THEM WHEN THEY NEED
IN EVERY THING. AND ALSO IF THEY WANT TO CHANGE THEIR PLACE
OF WORK IS FREE.

DATE. 22.6.74

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LETTER #5

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT "LETTER OF APOLOGIZATION"
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO AMERICAN EVANGILICAL MISSION

THE E.L.F. APOLOGIZE FOR THE DEATH OF MRS. ANNA STREKWERDA.
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IT WAS NOT IN OUR PLAN TO KILL THIS INNOCENT NURSE, BUT THROUGH
SOME TACTICAL MISTAKES IT HAPPENS.

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